

TWO COUNTRIES  
SIGN PEACE?

Swiss Newspaper Reports  
Russia and Bulgaria  
Agree

BOLSHEVIKI REJECT  
TURKEY'S TERMS

Generals Kaledines and Dutoff, Cossack Leaders, Reported Defeated

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 10.—The Bund reports that a separate peace agreement has been signed by Russia and Bulgaria.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—The Official News agency announces that General Kaledines and Dutoff, the Cossack leaders, have been defeated. Dutoff is in flight, pursued by revolutionary soldiers and red guard. Kaledines is retreating.

The workmen and soldiers' council at Rostov has been liberated. The Ukrainian council of the eleventh army has been arrested. It is reported that separate peace proposals made by Turkey have been refused by the Bolsheviki. The government of Turkey was requested to participate in the general conference between Russia and the central powers.

London, Jan. 10.—A despatch sent out by the official Russian news agency says that the discussion between the Russian and central powers delegates at Brest-Litovsk Thursday centered on the selection of a city in some neutral country, in which to continue the deliberations. It says there is every probability of a satisfactory arrangement being reached.

## FIRING ON BRENTA RIVER.

And Also a Harassing Fire Across the  
Piave.

Rome, Jan. 10.—The Italian official report given out yesterday told of lively artillery firing on the Brenta river. The report was as follows:

"There have been lively bursts of artillery firing astride the Brenta river and a harassing fire across the Piave between the heights of Val Dobbiadene and Montello. A small attack attempted by the enemy in the direction of Monte Melago on the Asiago plateau was frustrated by our barrage fire. There have been patrol engagements, which resulted in the capture of some prisoners in the Asolone region and a hand grenade engagement on the Saporlo.

"On the plain, enemy working parties were dispersed in front of Palazon and hostile movements effectively shelled around Novento. Bad weather has continued along the whole front."

## ARTILLERY IS ACTIVE.

British Report Heavy Firing at Two  
Points.

London, Jan. 10.—The official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters in France last night was as follows:

"During the day our own and the enemy's artillery was active at a number of points south of the Scarpe. The hostile artillery also has shown activity northeast of Ypres."

GERMANY OFFERS  
PAY FOR SPANIARD

Would Give Indemnity to Family of  
Enrique Granados Because the Com-  
poser Lost His Life When  
the Sussex Was Sunk.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—The German government has offered to pay the family of Enrique Granados, the Spanish composer, who was lost with his wife in March, 1916, in the sinking of the British channel steamer Sussex, 666,000,000 pesetas as indemnity.

## WILL NOT CHANGE PLANS.

Garfield is to Keep Coal Coming Into  
New England.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Fuel Administrator Garfield denied a request by Mayor Hyman of New York yesterday, that coal moving to New England be diverted to a fabline in New York. He said that while everything possible would be done for New York, all eastern cities would have to share the shortage caused by December's low production. The order directing that 500 cars of coal a day go to New England will not be modified.

Mayor Hyman called Dr. Garfield over the long distance telephone and insisted that something be done to relieve the situation in New York. Shortly afterwards a delegation of New York wholesale dealers called on him to urge a change in the coal distribution. They suggested that distribution be put in the hands of men experienced in the business, that wholesalers be licensed and that industries not needed in the conduct of the war be limited as to supplies.

Explaining last night his reasons for continuing shipments to New England even at the expense of other regions, Dr. Garfield said that it was necessary to keep New England munition plants supplied.

## SHUT OFF THE WATER

Because Middlebury Consumers Let Fau-  
cets Run Full Day and Night.

Middlebury, Jan. 10.—Street Commissioner James McGillicuddy, who has been on the lookout for leaks and the wasting of water from the village water works, discovered a big leak on College street, which he has fixed, and also found about a dozen houses on one street where the tenants were allowing water to run full force day and night. The water has been shut off and will remain so until spring. It is understood that there are about as many more who will get the same treatment before the end of the week.

The reservoir, which has been dry several times during the past ten days, had seven feet of water in it yesterday morning, and there is now fairly good water pressure all over the village. At the college they had been obliged to haul water by team for their several large buildings.

"DON'T SHED YOUR  
PRECIOUS BLOOD FOR  
YOUR COUNTRY"

Witness Said He Heard Rev. Clarence H.  
Waldron Say in Windsor Baptist  
Church—It Is Alleged Clergyman  
Tried to Deter Men from  
Enlisting.

Brattleboro, Jan. 10.—Members of the congregation of Rev. Charles H. Waldron of Windsor, a Baptist clergyman, were urged to resist the draft and were advised that a Christian ought not to fight, according to testimony offered by the government at the hearing of the clergyman yesterday on the charge of sedition.

After witnesses had told of alleged unpatriotic utterances of the pastor, in the pulpit, in Sunday school and in private conversation, the prosecution rested and counsel for the defense obtained an adjournment of the case until this afternoon, on the ground that as he was only assigned to the defense Tuesday he had had no opportunity to talk with prospective witnesses.

Lowell Hemmingsway, a church member, testified that he heard Waldron say in an address in the vestry of the church: "Don't shed your precious blood for your country." In a sermon Waldron also exclaimed, according to the witness, "To hell with patriotism." In a cross examination Hemmingsway said this last statement made in connection with the rest of the sermon "did not sound so bad" as taken separately.

Harold E. Rice, another church member, testified that Waldron said no Christian should take part in war, and also that young men might register, but did not need to go if called.

Charles R. Laughton, a deacon of the church, said he had heard the pastor say in the Bible class that a Christian ought not to fight.

Paul Braden of Windsor, a young man of draft age, testified that Mr. Waldron had advised him not to obey the president's proclamation, and to resist efforts by the military authorities to force him into war service, even to the point of being shot.

Waldron also told him, the witness testified, that the question of the validity of the draft act would be taken before the courts; that it would be shifted back and forth for a year or more, and that meantime the war would be over.

The most sensational testimony at the morning session of the court yesterday was given by Sherman Everts, also of Windsor, who stated that Waldron had told him the Kaiser had been ordained by God to win the war. Everts, who is 58 years old, declared the minister had said there was no need to oppose the emperor of Germany, as he was the fulfillment of the prophecy in Revelation as to the end of the world. Christians could not take part in the war, the minister said, according to the witness.

OIL INDUSTRY  
TO BE SEIZED

Mark L. Requa of Oakland, Cal., Has  
Been Selected to Take Charge  
of the Department.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Mark L. Requa of Oakland, Cal., assistant to Food Administrator Hoover, will be placed in charge of the oil industry when control is taken over soon by the government. John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, will be one of the new advisory commission to assist Secretary Wilson in mobilizing labor for war service.

NEARLY \$100,000,000 A MONTH.  
Is Now Being Paid to the United States  
Fighting Forces.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The payroll of the fighting forces of the United States is now nearly \$100,000,000 a month.

This sum includes salaries of officers and enlisted men in the army and navy serving both in this country and abroad. Military allowances and compensation for certain services rendered, but does not take into account family allowances paid by the government toward the support of families of enlisted men under special field conditions, nor does it include any of the special compensatory features of the military and naval insurance act. Details of the pay received by soldiers and sailors and of the operation of the war risk insurance bureau have just been compiled by the several departments for information of the public and those relating to the navy were made public last night by the committee on public information. The others will be made public later and separately.

The committee's statement shows that in December approximately \$17,000,000 was disbursed as monthly compensation for the services of some 300,000 officers and men who constitute the uniformed forces of the navy.

GERMAN SABOTAGE  
WAS TO BE REVIVED

Government Agents Found Evidence of  
Concerted Move On the Part of  
Enemy Aliens in United  
States.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Through intercepted communications and evidence found on a score or more arrested aliens, government agents have discovered a concerted movement to reorganize German sabotage and anti-war propaganda in this country.

The movement was broken up, and the enemy activities now are believed to be confined to sporadic cases, carried on largely by pro-German sympathizers without guidance from central headquarters.

Robert Lewis, Quarryman, Had Been Ter-  
ribly Hurt in Fall.

Rutland, Jan. 10.—Robert Lewis of Granville, N. Y., an employee in the Norton slate quarry, died at the Rutland hospital yesterday as a result of injuries received Tuesday, when he fell 150 feet from the bank into the quarry pit, striking on a pile of blocks. He was walking over a pile of rubbish near the edge of the hole, when he slipped. His head was horribly crushed, the nasal bone being driven into the brain. Lewis was 35 years old and was married.

"SUBSTANTIAL"  
ARMY ABROAD

Is Way Sec. of War Baker  
Characterizes Expedi-  
tionary Force

EVERY SOLDIER  
HAS EFFECTIVE ARMS

Subsistence of the Army  
Has Been "Above  
Criticism"

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—America now has in France an army of "substantial" size, ready for active service, Secretary Baker today told the Senate investigating committee. He said that arms of most modern and effective kind have been provided for every soldier in France and are available for every fighting man who can be sent to France this year.

The subsistence of the army, he continued, has been above criticism. While the initial clothing supply was temporarily inadequate, it is now substantially complete. Secretary Baker said that the death rate in our forces in the United States from mid-September to the end of December averaged 7.5 per thousand, slightly less than could have been the death rate of men of the same age at home.

Conceding delays and errors of judgment in so vast an undertaking, Secretary Baker epitomized his reply to criticisms in these words: "No army of similar size in the history of the world has ever been raised, equipped or trained so quickly; no such provision has ever been made for the comfort, health and general well-being of an army."

PLEADED GUILTY  
TO MANSLAUGHTER

Etta May Hicks Was Then Sentenced to  
Seven Years for Her Part in Kill-  
ing Little Bradshaw  
Girl.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 10.—Just after the afternoon recess in Caledonia county court yesterday the case of Mrs. Etta May Hicks was taken up and she asked leave to change her plea of not guilty of the murder of Alice Bradshaw on July 3 last to that of manslaughter. State's Attorney Campbell called attention to her weak mental condition and said he was satisfied to leave the matter of sentence entirely with the court. Alexander Dunnett, the respondent's lawyer, admitted her mental condition and explained to the court that the reason his client had not talked about the case more, particularly at the time of the murder, was because she was afraid of the Kershner woman.

Mrs. Sarah Isabella Kershner is now serving a life sentence for her part in the murder of the little girl and John Kershner, who pleaded guilty to being accessory after the fact, is serving a sentence of from two to five years in state's prison.

The court sentenced Mrs. Hicks to hard labor at the state prison for a term of not less than seven years nor more than 20 years, explaining that he gave her this sentence because of her mental condition. This entirely disposes of the three participants in one of the most revolting murders ever committed in Caledonia county.

HEROIC WOMEN  
SAVED ALL BUT ONE

Child Lost in Ottawa Hospital Fire Was  
Strapped to Bed with Weights  
Fastened to Leg.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Heroic efforts by nurses and nurses saved all but one of 158 patients in the General hospital on Water street today when fire destroyed part of the building. A child strapped to a bed, with weights fastened to an injured leg, was burned to death.

One of the rescued patients, a little girl, died later.

## TO OBSERVE BURNS DAY.

Barre Burns Club Will, However, Tone  
Down the Celebration.

The time honored custom of observing the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns will be continued by the Burns club of Barre this year, as the result of action taken at the annual meeting of the club last evening. Because of the war and the requirements of food conservation, however, it will be a somewhat subdued celebration, and the elaborate banquet which has featured the anniversary in other years will be omitted. In its stead there will be a luncheon, followed by the customary exercises and dancing.

Soon after the subject was opened for discussion last night, the members of the club patriotically voted to do its part in the conservation movement by eliminating the club's banquet. The anniversary occurs on the evening of Friday, Jan. 25, and will be held in the auxiliary hall in the Worthen block.

The following officers were elected for 1918: President, Hugh Christie; vice-president, Charles Leel; secretary, James Hogg; financial secretary and treasurer, John McKernon.

## BARRE MERCHANTS ELECT.

A. C. Tilden Elected President for the  
Ensuing Year.

Officers were elected, reports for 1917 were read and plans for the present fiscal year were discussed at the annual meeting of the Barre Retail Merchants' association, Inc., in the granite manufacturers' hall last evening. Annual reports read during the evening pointed to a satisfactory record of affairs in the exchange and the membership of the association is large. The following directors were elected: A. C. Tilden, A. C. Moore, B. W. Hooker, A. W. Badger, E. M. Lyon, W. D. Smith, D. J. Morse. The officers are: President, A. C. Tilden; secretary and treasurer, Frank W. Jackson.

GRABBED PAIR OF LEGS  
ON A PARIS STREET

John A. Gordon Was Convinced No One  
But His Uncle, Harry Dunham, Had  
Such Underpinning—It Proved True  
and There Was a Joyful Reunion  
After Many Years.

John A. Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gordon of Barre, who is now driving an ambulance on the Italian front, writes of an unexpected meeting with his uncle, Harry Dunham, on the streets of Paris, and he also adds some very interesting sidelights on the situation in Europe at the present time. Harry Dunham, formerly of Barre, has been serving in the Canadian forces since 1915, and he and his nephew had not seen each other for many years. The letter, with some deletions, is as follows:

"Dear Father and Mother: I was walking up the Boulevard des Italiens in Paris on the first of December, when I spied a pair of legs hurrying up the street before me. Now there is only one person in this world that possesses underpinnings like those I mentioned. I immediately hurried forward and grabbed the owner of the aforesaid pedals. He looked at me rather queer and was wondering what I was doing at him—Harry D. He certainly was surprised to find that I was his nephew and that I had only been in Paris two days.

"When I proceeded to explain to him that I was the nephew he used to carry into the house by the back of the pants, he immediately lost his reserve and grabbed me by the hand. At once we proceeded to a nearby bench and sat there for three hours talking over old times. Harry is looking fine. He is as hard physically as a nail. His cheeks were ruddy and sunken, somewhat lean from two years of fighting. He has never had a sick day since he enlisted. He joined up in December, 1915. His life has always been a life of adventure, but these last two years have been crammed full of adventures, a thousand times greater than any before. He has been in the Ypres salient for 18 months, which speaks for itself. After the war he will be able to spin the most wonderful yarns that you ever heard and they will be true, for I know.

"He asked a million questions about everyone and everything. He wanted to know all about the health, etc., of Tom and Maude, and father, and Paul, Philip, Norman and Lillian. He asked about a hundred of his old friends: Tom Mercer, Otty Lewis, Nell, the Wright brothers and many others whom doubtless you do know. He told Tom and mother that they have every reason to be proud of Harry.

"I spent six days with Harry. He was staying at the American Y. M. C. A. hotel in Paris. We visited all the places of interest in Paris, such as the Louvre, the royal palace (where I took some snapshots of him which a friend is having developed in Paris for me). When I receive them I will send one to Tom and one to you.

"Father mentioned in one of his letters that he wished Harry would write more fully in his letters. Well, you must not expect that, for he would like to very much himself, but they are very, very strict on those matters. It is impossible for him to do more than he does now. If you knew what the consequences were for saying the least little thing out of the way, you would thank your stars that you heard from him at all.

"I tried to enlist in the American army at Paris (10 rue St. Anne) but was flatly rejected on account of my eyes. I asked the enlisting officer if there was any branch of the service I could enter and he said no, but that I might get some kind of an office job at the headquarters in Paris. Well you know just how much I love the kind of work I am doing at the moment. So I grabbed at the chance to go to Italy as an ambulance driver with the American Red Cross.

"You have spoken about numerous parcels that have been sent to me. Well, I have received only two of them since I have been in France. One was a can of Prince Albert tobacco from Tom and the other was the scarf, helmet and wristers, which were delivered to me the day before yesterday. I kept one pair of wristers in remembrance of Ernestine and gave the other things to Harry because I knew he would need them much more than I could. He did not want to take them at first, but I insisted.

"I can explain to you very readily why the parcels never arrived. It was simply due to the fact that I was in a rotten organization, as far as mail and parcels were concerned. I have not the slightest doubt that all the parcels arrived in Paris, but then they just simply disappeared by means of being swept into the rubbish pile—like-wise the papers and magazines sent. I did receive six issues of the Barre Times (from Oct. 1 to 6) at camp, also in August and September three or four copies of the New York Times, one of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. I think. But I mentioned these facts in other letters which probably you never received. As far as letters go, I believe that I have received all that were sent to me from America. From now on I think there will be less difficulty in getting to mail, for I am with an organization that knows how to take care of its business.

"If he been in Italy over a week now. I sent several postcards from Turin. I am now at Milan, but depart to-morrow for the front. We have been very busy getting our cars ready.

"Tell any of my friends who are in the army not to expect to 'see the Kaiser,' or 'meet him in Berlin next summer.' I do this as a bit of caution because I met so many d—s in Paris, who had just arrived and were full of that kind of talk. One youth confidently confided to me that, 'We are not going to be d—s towards and hide in a hole in the ground like these European guys, no sir! We are going to be right on top of the ground all the time and moving all the time.' Well, I admire his spirit, but I knew that he hadn't been within 50 miles of the front. I didn't want to tell him that if he ever gets in a place where the Germans have from 60 to 150 guns to the kilometer, he will be mighty glad that there is a hole in the ground. And they had that many on the other side of the Chemin des Dames, where we were.

"You spoke about a letter written by me, which told about some remarkable deed of ours, but I am sorry to say that my memory must be terribly warped, for I cannot recall any such heroic act. I do remember of repairing a car on a night trip where it might have been possible for the Germans by a tremendous superhuman effort to have dropped a shell on the road, but as a matter of fact they didn't. You see I

SUFFRAGE WILL  
WIN BY 15 VOTES

House Is to Vote on Federal  
Amendment Before Ad-  
journing To-day

PRESIDENT SWUNG  
DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

Republicans in Caucus Vot-  
ed Conditional Support  
of the Amendment

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—With the president's support and the endorsement of the Republican caucus, the woman's suffrage amendment came up in the House to-day under an agreement for a final vote before adjournment. Representative Baker, chairman of the suffrage committee, declared that the necessary two-thirds vote in favor would be exceeded by at least fifteen votes.

President Wilson threw his support to the amendment last night when a number of Democratic members of the House called at the White House with word that many of their colleagues wanted advice from the head of their party as to the position they should take. There was a conference of 40 minutes, the result of which was described in this statement, dictated by the president himself and made public by the delegation:

"The committee found that the president had not felt at liberty to volunteer his advice to members of Congress in this important matter, but when we sought his advice he very frankly and earnestly advised us to vote for the amendment as an act of right and justice to the women of the country and of the world.

The Republicans of the House, in conference last night, adopted by unanimous vote a resolution urging Republican members to support the amendment 'insofar as they can do so consistently with their conscience and the attitude of their constituents.'

As the House met, the opponents admitted that the president's declaration probably had changed enough votes to insure the adoption. Speaker Clark announced that in case of a tie he would vote for the amendment. He said he expected a vote between 5 and 6 o'clock. The session opened with a prayer by Billy Sunday.

RUMOR LOCAL ROADS  
MAY BE MERGED

There Are Persistent Stories That Barre  
Branches of Central Vermont and  
Montpelier & Wells River Are to  
Be Brought Together in  
Service.

Revival of rumors centering around the much mooted consolidation of railroad business in Barre came about to-day as the result of a visit made by auditors of the Central Vermont and Montpelier & Wells River railroads yesterday. If any merger is contemplated by the government, the plan has not been aired and no definite information could be obtained to-day, although one official is quoted as saying that nothing definite in the way of railway changes has been decided.

Soon after the government took over the railroads it became noised about that the Central Vermont and the Montpelier & Wells River business was to be amalgamated as much as possible. The report had it that the Central Vermont freight business was to be handled at the Montpelier & Wells River office north of Prospect street; that the Central Vermont road would handle the passenger traffic, while the parallel line would be devoted wholly to freight business.

One of rumor's counter proposals had it that the traction company would be asked to take care of the passenger traffic while both railroads would center their activities on freight transportation. Apparently there is foundation for some of the rumors.

Commenting on the possibilities of railroad mergers throughout the country, a local official stated to-day that every terminal in the country is being visited by railroad men with a view to preparing recommendations. The two auditors who came to Barre yesterday went over the situation with thoroughness, although their investigation was confined to facilities and clerical work involved in the operation of two freight offices and two stations. It is believed that the merger, were it to be effected in one form or another, would not occasion even mild surprise among railroad employees of both roads in Barre.

## MILK PRODUCERS LAY PLANS.

And Elect Officers at the Annual Meeting  
in Barre.

Important phases of the milk business in Barre were discussed at the annual meeting of the Barre local, N. E. M. P. A. last evening, although to-day officers of the association said that an announcement prepared by the producers would not be given out for several days. E. S. Brigham, state commissioner of agriculture, was unable to be present. The principal speaker was the county agent, F. H. Abbott.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, M. L. Towne; secretary, Roy Smith; delegates to the annual meeting of the Washington county branch of the N. E. M. P. A., M. L. Towne, W. T. Jackson, W. F. Shepard, C. E. Kirby and C. E. Carpenter.

told you always to hold an article like that under the water faucet and if it will hold water why it's all right, but if it doesn't it's all wrong.

"If you should see Mr. and Mrs. Levin you might tell them that I received a brief letter from Harry (their son), who is a soldier in France now.

"Well, I must stop now, for it is getting late, and I must prepare for the two days' trip. Give my love to all.

"Johnnie."

"Address: John A. Gordon, care of American Red Cross, 5 rue Francois Premier, Paris, France. Italian Service."

BARRE QUARRYMEN GET  
FIVE CENTS AN HOUR RAISE,  
EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 14

## SUPPORT FOLLOWED INSTALLATION.

The Patriotic Societies Joined in the  
Ceremonial.

Seventy-five people gathered in the Sons of Veterans' auxiliary hall last evening for the joint installation of officers recently elected by three patriotic orders in Barre. The exercises of induction were followed by a supper, served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Julia Rollins; Mrs. Nina Holt; Mrs. Abbie Willey and Mrs. C. H. Magoon. Informal exercises formed a part of the evening's program and some interesting speeches were made by representatives of Major L. A. Abbott camp, No. 14, S. of V., the women's auxiliary to the camp, and the ladies of the G. A. R., Col. J. B. Meade circle, No. 1. The installation was preceded by the inducting into office of Mrs. Julia Perham of East Brainerd as president of the local department, and Mrs. Ella Denmore of Barre as senior vice president, the installing officer being Mrs. J. E. Roberts of this city. Officers of Col. J. B. Meade circle were installed by E. L. Smith of R. B. Crandall post. Mrs. Bertha Hill installed the Sons of Veterans. The official slates for the organizations in 1918 are as follows:

Ladies of the G. A. R.: President, Mrs. Amelia Matott; senior vice-president, Mrs. Nina Holt; junior vice-president, Mrs. Mary Parker; chaplain, Mrs. Ellinwood; treasurer, Mrs. Flora Burnham; secretary, Mrs. John Parker; conductor, Mrs. Lillian Ducharme; assistant conductor, Mrs. H. Maxfield; guard, Mrs. Elsie Dingwall; assistant guard, Mrs. William Jackson.

Auxiliary: Past president, Mrs. E. E. Perry; president, Mrs. Ida Rollins; vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Carr; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Gauthier; secretary, Mrs. Clara A. Perry; guide, Mrs. Pearl Bon; ley; assistant guide, Mrs. Elsie Dingwall; color guard, No. 1, Mrs. Josie Denmore; color guard, No. 2, Miss Alfarretta Ducharme; chaplain, Mrs. Nina Holt; inside guard, Mrs. Mary Parker; outside guard, Mrs. Alice Brigham; chief counselor, C. C. Rollins; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Alina Magoon.

Sons of Veterans: Commander, E. E. Perry; senior vice-commander, C. H. Magoon; junior vice-commander, A. M. Holt; secretary, C. C. Rollins; treasurer, A. W. Robinson; patriotic instructor, E. A. Carey; chaplain, O. J. Dodge; guide, C. L. Gauthier; council, E. A. Carey, C. H. Magoon, C. L. Gauthier.

## CHURCH SHOWS GAIN.

Barre Presbyterians Heard Satisfactory  
Reports.

Reports read by the several societies at the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church last evening showed that the church has passed through one of the most successful years in its history. Every treasury had to its credit a good sum of money as a balance for the beginning of the new year. This in spite of the fact that the church was closed during the infantile paralysis epidemic, which, of course, cut off the financial support. This was partly overcome, however, by an every-member campaign, which brought magnificent returns.

The church through the past year has suffered the loss of several of its loyal workers. The membership, however, shows an increase. The honor roll of the church speaks for the patriotism of the members and adherents.

William Craig was re-elected for the sixth year as treasurer of the church. William D. McDonald was elected as financial secretary. William Hurry, who as secretary of the board of managers has served the church for a period of eight years, resigned, and his place will be taken by William Stephen. The following members constituting the board of managers were elected: Charles Duncan, James V. Laing, Kenneth McEae, Alex. Cordner, W. J. McDonald, William Stephen, D. M. Macdonald, William Craig, David Stuart and James Clubb.

Miss Annie Macdonald and A. C. Walker were added to the board of auditors, John Stewart, who through the severe weather of this and other years has seen to it that the church has been comfortable for services, again volunteered as janitor with no recompense.

## DISCUSSED RED CROSS.

A rising vote of thanks was given to all church workers, to those outside the church for their financial aid, and especially to the local paper for its liberal allowance towards the furtherance of the church work.

After the meeting coffee and doughnuts were served by the ladies' union.

State Secretary H. S. Howard Addressed  
the Barre Branch.

Something of the present-day activities of the American Red Cross was outlined by the secretary of the state branch, H. S. Howard of Burlington, last evening at the Aldrich public library building, where members of the Barre chapter assembled for their regular business meeting. The attendance was large and renewed interest, especially on the part of the men, was manifested. After a brief business session, in the course of which the resignation of Rev. E. Cross, long as president, was accepted, Mr. Howard was introduced.

He confined his remarks entirely to a description of the Red Cross work as it has developed since the war broke out in 1914, and closed by urging his hearers to larger effort and closer application to the relief work projected by the society. At its inception, the speaker said, the Red Cross was designed primarily to care for the sick and wounded men in the armies. Now the scope of its endeavors has been enlarged far beyond its former bounds, and at the present time the Red Cross counts as one of its achievements the immense good done among the people inhabiting countries which have been impoverished by the war. Its mission extends to the prison camps, includes many hospitals, and goes so far as to carry necessities to the men on the firing line. It furnishes first aid to the men who return from the attack and looks after the wounded from the moment they are struck down until they are discharged from the hospitals. Facts and figures were ever at the command of the state secretary and his admirable re-statement of Red Cross objects and ends was warmly received.

Chairman Stephen Cushing of the legal advisory board to-day mailed to each of the local boards an order from the provost marshal general relative to the payment of the members of the local boards. They have been paid \$1 an hour not to exceed seven hours a day and not to exceed \$150 a month. Under the new form of paying, they will be paid a stated sum for the classification of the drafted men. This change is probably due to the recent conference in Washington, when the chairmen were called there and which Mr. Cushing attended. Vermont was very high compared with other states in inducing men into service.

Union Accepted Agreement  
Last Night and Voted to  
Work Overtime at Regu-  
lar Scale During the Pe-  
riod of the War

WETMORE & MORSE CO.  
OFFER ANOTHER BILL  
Through F. M. Corry, Its  
President, That Corpora-  
tion Granted Its Employees  
20 Per Cent. Increase, to  
Take Effect at the Same  
Time

More pay for the quarryworkers of the Barre granite district and a patriotic concession from the quarryworkers themselves are the results of conferences conducted yesterday between the Barre Quarry Owners' association and the quarryworkers' union, conferences which ended in a mutual ratification of an agreement presented to the employers at a special meeting which continued throughout the day and at a meeting of the union in Graniteville last night. The end of the prolonged meeting of the quarryworkers' association found the members committed to an increase of five cents per hour for the men, the new scale to become operative Monday, Jan. 14. In return the quarryworkers are to agree to work overtime at the regular scale, this arrangement to remain in effect during the period of the war. The agreement was ratified at the union meeting by a large vote.

The quarrymen's committee consisted of James M. Boutwell of Boutwell, Milne & Varnum, F. M. Corry of Wetmore & Morse, Donald Smith of the E. L. Smith Co., James K. Pirie and Alex. Milne. On the side of the employees, the following quarryworkers constituted the committee: George Lawson, John King, Henry Coxon, John Coxon and Michael Sullivan. So far as the two sides were concerned, the negotiations were of a harmonious nature and to-day, with all theoretical differences amicably settled, there was a disposition on the part of employers and employees to rejoice over the satisfactory adjustment. Secretaries representing both organizations are to meet within a few days to sign the new schedule of wages. The increase for the quarryworkers follows quickly a raise granted the granitecutters, although the new scale in the cutting end of the industry does not become operative until April 1.

Originally it was the desire on the part of the quarry owners to inaugurate the new agreement April 1, thereby giving ample notice to granite manufacturers and other purchasers of rough stock, but a change in plans, which took place in the last meeting late in the afternoon, made it apparent that the agreement, conditional upon acceptance by the union, would take effect Monday.